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SUBJ: ADVISORY OPINION ON CONTROLLED AIR POUCHES TO DEPARTMENT

1. EMBASSY HAS MADE STUDY OF AIR POUCH SHIPMENTS TO DEPARTMENT
VIA COMMERCIAL AIR CARGO AND APO CERTIFIED MAIL AND FOUND THAT:

A. POUCHES DISPATCHED VIA AIR CARGO ARE PICKED UP BY LOCAL
FORWARDING AGENCY AT THE EMBASSY. AGENCY THEN CALLS IN AN AWB
NUMBER AND FLIGHT INFORMATION. POUCHES ARE STORED IN AGENCY'S
AIRPORT WAREHOUSE UNTIL DELIVERY TO AIR CARRIER. ALTHOUGH AND
AMERICAN CARRIER AWB NUMBER IS GIVEN, CARGO PROBLEMS AT ROME
AIRPORT OFTEN CAUSE FOR POUCHES TO BE FLOWN ON FOREIGN CARRIERS.
AIR CARGO AND FORWARDING HANDLING FEES ARE COSTLY.

B. POUCHES DISPATCHED VIA APO CERTIFIED MAIL ARE UNDER
AMERICAN PERSONNEL SUPERVISION AND DEPART DAILY FROM ROME ON TWA
FLIGHT 811 IN RESERVED HOLD SPACE.

2. CONSIDERING COSTS AND SECURITY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL TO USE APO CERTIFIED MAIL DISPATCH
FOR "UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED POUCH" ITEMS. EMBASSY WOULD CABLE
CERTIFICATION NUMBER TO DEPARTMENT UPON DELIVERY OF POUCHES
TO APO.GARDNER

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